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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone! The weather is slowly getting warmer. I have heard of some people getting out and having some success metal detecting. This month we will start back up with the "Find of the Month." Be sure to bring out your finds that you have found for the last three months.

I would like to thank everyone who brought some items for last month's Bourse night. It was a very enjoyable and relaxing evening and a great opportunity to mingle. I hope that many of you were able to buy, sell, or trade some items. The next time we have a Bourse night we will have some type of incentive that will encourage everyone to bring more items that will make it even bigger and better.

A big congratulation goes to Johnny Gallegos for his wonderful Sesquicentennial pony express medal design being selected as the 2010 NUTS club medal design. Let's all join together in promoting this great design that will represent our club this year. Our Medals chairman, Don Swain, will keep us informed of future dates for ordering and purchasing once the medals have been struck.

Don Swain has this month's mini display – It's a surprise!



This month's speaker will be Mr. Kelly Finnegan. He will be talking with us

about rare metals and element metal coin strikes. Kelly graduated from Weber State College (1992)

with a degree in chemistry and for the last 10 years has been the owner of



Penny Press Mint. With his great amount of knowledge of different metals and minting this will be a very interesting and informative evening.



Let's all hope for continued warmer weather and a Gold Coin around the next corner.

See ya at the meeting.
Todd Monson

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Hi. My name is Ramona Magpie and I would like to tell you about my first metal detecting experience. Eldon and Mary Farnsworth took me and another greenhorn out to learn. We went to a burned down house in Salt Lake. Mary let me use her detector and taught me the basics. I swept the ground with the detector for a time and finally got a response. I stopped and Mary and I dug for awhile.

We found a piece of wire. Next response we got a key chain. After that we found lots of key chains. The people that lived in the house must have loved keys as there were a lot of them.

Next we went to where the burned down house sat and looked around. We didn't take the detectors as it was too unsafe. We found a lot of cans, bottles and garbage.

Eldon took his pupil with him at the same house. They did better than Mary and me in their findings. His pupil found a watch.

Mary and Eldon are my niece and nephew and I love them very much. I loved the metal detecting and hope to continue doing it and get my own metal detector. I am so glad I joined the NUTS club. Our Pres is an Ace. I love the club and people in it and I really enjoy the meetings we have. I hope to be with the club for a long long time.

Hi my name is Neil Phillips. I was born and raised in Utah. I left the state for 2 years to serve an LDS Mission in Indiana. I have been going camping, fishing and hunting since I was Young. My Mom got me interested in coin collecting, also when I was a young man. My Hobbies are camping, hunting, ATVing, coin collecting and metal detecting.

My other passion is going to BYU Football games (GO COUGARS.) These things have always been relaxing and enjoyable for me. I enjoy doing these things the most when I'm with family and friends.



I began coming to the NUTS meetings with my good friend Todd Monson. Since then my son Brandon has joined with his family. I have made many good friends and look forward to seeing everybody at our GREAT Meetings. I love to collect unique things, but I try to keep it down to tokens and coins. I enjoy metal detecting when I find the time. It is like hunting to me, because you never know what you might find.

I have a wonderful wife, Lori, three children and five grandchildren. I LOVE doing things with my family. I am involved with one or more of my kids in all my hobbies and doings. I enjoy all the friends that I've made in the NUTS Club. It has been fun being a Wagon Master and associating with the great people on the NUTS Board. Good Luck Hunting and Collecting ,Your Friend Neil Phillips

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



James Staker, Bruce Griggs
(Wagon Masters)



Bob Campbell, Boyd
Pickering, Cliff
Fausett, Terry Wright



Bill Glodowski



Ralph Gold

Todd's Science Experiment



Payton Phillips,
Assistant Wagon Master



JJ Valerio, Autumn Beckstead, Nickie Valerio



Dennis Raffell & Wife



Todd Monson, Marv Graves (Gold Winner)



Cool Shirts



George Wilson



Bill Turpela



Hunter & Payton Phillips



Boyd Pickering



David Vance



James Staker



Neil & Brandon Phillips



Autumn Beckstead



Todd Monson

Right in My Own Back Yard

By
Johnny Gallegos

As the NUTS Club Webmaster, I want to show the club is a friendly, informative, dedicated and committed group of men and women who love history and the artifacts that reflect that history. Everyone loves to touch and feel an artifact, to make a connection with the past. It is not only written words and still photography that sparks the interest every person who metal detects, but also the physical connection from a marble, token, coin, nail, skate key or ring, that has been brought back into the light of day from under the earth for so many years, or dropped just yesterday. Our treasures all say that someone was physically standing, playing or resting their tired feet for one brief moment in time in that exact location.

I would like everyone to feel that the website is a part of a group effort and a home that will make you proud to be a member and a place to show everyone the passion or our hobby and pass on the tradition of preservation of our past. If everyone would contribute an idea to shape and mold the site how they think it should look and feel, the website can be a place to learn and showcase what we are, what we do and how we feel about metal detecting. If one person can contribute a small amount of information, and with everyone contributing, we would all benefit greatly and reap the rewards of

finding our first gold coin, token and ring to add to our collection.

I have been metal detecting for over thirty six years. I was born and raised in Tooele, Utah. I have traveled from California to New York and I found that this is my home. I love the changing of the seasons and the unpredictability of the weather. I can travel 20 minutes and be in the middle of the desert or high in the mountains surrounded by nothing but trees. This is the place of no noise but the sounds of nature and my metal detector. I came across my current metal detector at a yard sale. My friends' grandfather had passed away and his grandmother was selling all of his "junk" that he had collected.

N.U.T.S. Website

<http://utahtokensociety.com/>

Johnny Gallegos, Webmaster



He bought a Garrett GTA 1000 about a year before, used it a couple of times and got frustrated with it because he could only find nails and pull tabs, so he stuck it in the back of his closet never to be used again. An overwhelming urge told me to buy the detector. I just knew that I was going to find something special with that metal detector. That next day I was learning how to work all of the functions and didn't know exactly what I was doing. I was following my intuition on where to go when I heard a beep and looked at the

readout, a pull tab was showing. I asked myself if I should keep going or find out if the detector was working correctly. Needless to say that when I removed the metal object out of the layers of compacted grass it was not a pull tab, but a men's gold wedding ring with five diamonds inlaid in a row. I was hooked. I still use that same detector today and have found many interesting things. I returned to visit my friends' grandmother and showed her the diamond ring that I had found. I told her how grateful I was for letting me buy the metal detector and I wished her husband could have been there when I found that ring.

I always wanted to metal detect ever since I had bought my first detector from Radio Shack when I was only 12 years old. I read about finding treasures and the people who found treasures. I wanted to be a part of this group of adventurous people looking for buried treasure, finding gold coins and diamonds. I have found this group of people, right in my own back yard. I don't need to travel to distant places to find the friendship, passion and dedication, to a hobby that gives me and everyone involved personal satisfaction when you find that unique token or a lost wedding ring. I have found that lost wedding ring and returned it to the owner. That was the most gratifying feeling I have ever had, to see the happiness on her face, with tears in her eyes, saying thank you. We all contribute in our own subtle ways. So I cherish my friendship with old hunting buddies and I feel the excitement when a new member finds that first token, because I feel like that 12 year old kid again.

UTAH FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Utah Firefighter of the Year, Eldon Farnsworth



Thank you from Neighborhood House

Approximately 20 years ago a person walked into the fire station. She said that she needed fire trucks and firemen to help her with a project. The project was to take 500 kids Christmas shopping. So I arranged with all the Fire Departments in the valley to send firemen and fire trucks to the first Sam's Santa Shop. Thirteen years later we started a non-profit corporation (E. L. Farnsworth Firemen & Friends for Kids.) to assist us in fund raising. In the 20 years since we started we have taken approximately 10,000 kids Christmas shopping and approximately 200 kids for back-to-school shopping. We have also assisted in producing Sports Camps for kids. We are working on life safety videos to help educate kids in life skills to protect them from fire, drowning and other topics. Approximately 15 years ago we were joined by the Jazz Bear and he has been a valued member of our organization. This last Christmas we took kids from Lehi area, Manti/Ephraim area and the Glendale/Salt Lake area for their shopping. We also had a sister organization do a shop in Price. March 1st of this year I was recognized by the Fire Caucus for my work with the non-profit organization. Senator Patricia W. Jones presented me with the Firefighter of the Year Award recognizing me for my service. It was quite an honor.

The Benefits of Coin Collecting For Kids

Coin collecting for kids and adults alike, can be both fun and educational. A child can learn about history, geography, math and maybe even politics for an older child.

Coin collecting is for kids who want to:-
(or parents who want their kids to:-)

- Improve their reading ability
- Improve comprehension
- Improve their organizational skills
- Boost self-confidence
- Have something to be proud of
- Become interested in history and culture
- Improve their ability to set and reach goals
- Improve self-esteem
- Learn to establish priorities
- Gain specialized knowledge
- Obtain a greater understanding of the value of money



And, coin collecting is also for Kids who want to learn patience and appreciation for art and history.



Don Swain (Medals Chairman) Johnny Gallegos, Medal Design Winner for 2010

The design to the right is the winning design voted at the February Meeting. It was designed by Johnny Gallegos. This is his final edit and there may be changes to the artwork made. This is at the discretion of the mint.

PENNY PRESS MINT: How we make a token



So, you want to know how we make a token? Ok, lets see how it is done.

First, we start with the art. Penny Press makes an original drawing based on your design request, or on what we might suggest for you to use. Here is an example of some original art done by us:



Once the artwork is approved by you, we get a blank die. A blank die looks like this:



Now, we transfer the image to the blank die. Here is a sample of what a finished die looks like.

Next, the engraved die is placed in the press. A blank made of whatever material you have chosen is put in the press. Tons of pressure are applied, and the image is transferred to the metal blank from the die. The pressure is released, and the token is removed and ready to ship out to you! Here is a sample of a struck token:




Note that both sides of a token may be struck, as in the example below:



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MARCH 25TH - South Salt Lake, Utah N.U.T.S. MONTHLY MEETING

Location: 2531 South 400 East Time: 7:00 PM Rm 105

MARCH 27th – 28th – Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. The Greenbush Prospectors, Inc, of Greenbush Wisconsin, is sponsoring their Second Annual Gold and Treasure Show, Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building, 375 Buffalo St. There will be guest speakers, demonstrations, raffles and vendors. In addition, the Wisconsin State Gold Panning Competition will be held Saturday. Children's Treasure Hunt both days, plus other special children's programs. For more info, contact Mike Ogea atogea-gold@charter.net or (920) 467-3728, or Ron Smith at aus-mith2005@yahoo.com or (920) 207-4092). You can also log onto the club's website at www.wisgold.org

APRIL 10th – Belmar, New Jersey. Premier Belmar Beach Blast sponsored by the East Coast Research & Discovery Association - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, at the John Taylor Pavilion. For more information, contact Harold Lowenfels ECRDA 2010 Beach Blast, 2845 Lenox Street, Toms River, NJ 08755 or e-mail Art Pearson at artmds@verizon.net

APRIL 17th – 18th – Winfield, Pennsylvania. 31st Annual 2-Day Treasure Hunt sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club at the Union Township Fire Co. Three hunts per day. No Clad! For more info, contact Lenny Cooper at (570) 752-6347, e-mail coop6347@msn.com or Ed Burke at (570) 331-0600, e-mail potogold1@verizon.net

APRIL 16th – 18th – Riverside, California. The West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters present their 23rd Annual Hunt, Rendezvous 2010 at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park. Make your reservations early at (951) 684-7032 or (800) 234-7275. For more information, contact Ralph Crowther, 26722 Valpariso Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691 or e-mail ralph.crowther@mindspeed.com

APRIL 23rd – 25th – Keene & Marlborough, New Hampshire. 17th Best O' North East (BONE) Treasure Hunters Weekend sponsored by Professional Treasure Hunters. For info, e-mail gstreeter@ne.rr.com or call (603) 876-4443. Advance registrations to PTHHS, 307 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455.

APRIL 24th – Radersberg, Montana. Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA's 7th Annual Claim Jumpers Metal Detector Hunt. Gold Nuggets! Silver Coins! Prizes! For info, e-mail gpaainfo@yahoo.com

APRIL 24th – 25th – Cashmere, Washington. The North Central Washington Prospectors' 11th annual Gold and Treasure Show at the Chelan County Fairgrounds. Sat., 9-5, Sun., 9-4. \$3 admission, 12 and under free. For more info, contact Carl Pederson, President at repete7@verizon.net or call (509) 630-8239.

APRIL 30th – May 2nd – Apache Junction, Arizona. FMDAC 2010 Spring Festival - three days of fun and activities at the Goldfield Ghost Town. Hunts all three days with seminars and displays on site. Detectors, gold nuggets, silver coins and other prizes to be won. For more information, contact Duane Biller at dbiller@atlanticbb.net or Mike Smith at promack@quik.com, (480) 983-7011. You can go online to www.fmdac.org to download hunt forms.

KIDS CORNER

Do you collect coins, tokens, medals or bottles?



Nickels, dimes, and quarters are pickled before they're minted... It might sound strange, but the blanks used to make these coins really are pickled. They're not soaked in vinegar, though, like the pickled cucumbers you get on hamburgers. Instead, these copper-nickel blanks are soaked in a special chemical solution. This "pickling" washes and polishes the blanks.

Native American \$1 Coins

The Program

Ever since the Golden Dollar was first made in 2000, an eagle has soared on the back of the coin. Now, thanks to the Native American \$1 Coin Program, there will be a new design there every year!

Produced hand-in-hand with the Presidential \$1 Coins, the Native American \$1 Coins will continue for a number of years not yet specified. The designs will honor Native Americans and their contributions to the growth of the United States. The image of Sacagawea, the Shoshone who helped Lewis and Clark on their historic voyage of exploration, will remain on the front during the program.

On the back, a different image will appear each year to highlight Native Americans and their contributions. These coins will use the same standard inscriptions, edge lettering, and metal content as the Presidential \$1 Coins.



2010: Great Law of Peace



The theme for the 2010 Native American \$1 Coin is "government." One example of Native American government that helped form our nation is a certain peace treaty that early colonists found interesting enough to write home about.

Before Columbus first sailed to America, five Native American nations formed the Haudenosaunee Confederation, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy. According to legend, the five tribes, which had similar languages, had often been at war with one another. The Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca lived in what is today upstate New York.

The confederation was founded by two men. One was called "Peacemaker" and the other was an Onondaga named Hiawatha. They got the tribes to literally "bury the hatchet" under a pine tree. The Great Law of Peace is symbolized in the Great Tree of Peace.

The Great Law of Peace is recorded on an ancient beaded belt known as the Hiawatha Belt. The Great White Pine, in the center of the chain, represents the Onondaga nation and the treaty itself. The four rectangles represent the other four tribes. The bundle of 5 arrows symbolizes strength in unity.

Colonists saw in the Haudenosaunee a successful way to rule nations without kings or queens, like the confederacies that ancient Greek writers had written about.

Some early explorers and missionaries in the New World wrote about equality and democratic self-government among some Native Americans. These writings reached Europe and sparked ideas for European thinkers like Sir Thomas More, Montaigne, and John Locke.

So the way some Native American tribes governed themselves was an example of democratic government for our new nation. The White Pine tree with an eagle sitting on it, a Native American symbol of the Great Law of Peace, was adopted by colonists during the American Revolution for their own cause of democracy.

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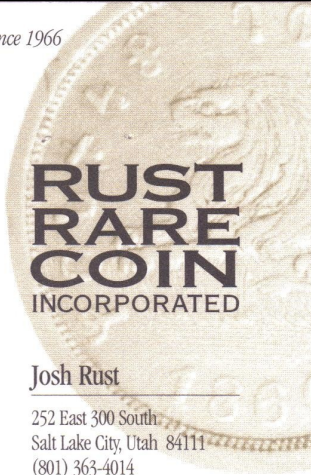
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